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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION - CONSULTATION WITH IVORY COAST

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1. CHARGE USED TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL IN DISCUSSION OF SHABA INVASION WITH FONOFF DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS MANOUAN MAY 18. MANOUAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION, NOTING THAT PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET, WHO DEPARTED THIS MORNING FOR PARIS, HAD ASKED TO BE KEPT CLOSELY INFORMED OF SHABA DEVELOPMENTS. HOUPHOUET WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT INVASION HAD BEEN MOUNTED SO SOON AFTER PREVIOUS ONE HAD BEEN DEFEATED, AND FELT PERMANENT SOLUTION HAD TO BE FOUND LEST THIS BECOME YEARLY AFFAIR.

2. MANOUAN NOTED THAT FRANCE WAS ALREADY INVOLVED IN MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN MAURITANIA AND CHAD AND MIGHT HAVE PROBLEMS IN REPEATING LAST YEAR'S ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE. HE ASKED WHETHER U.S. WOULD BE ABLE FILL SUCH A GAP. CHARGE NOTED THAT WE WERE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING WAYS TO RESPOND TO MOBUTU'S REQUEST FOR ACCELERATED DELIVERIES OF SUPPLIES, AND THAT FMS SUPPLIES TO ZAIRE DURING PAST YEAR HAD ALREADY BEEN CONSIDERABLE, BUT THOUGHT IT DOUBTFUL U.S.

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WOULD BECOME AS DIRECTLY INVOLVED AS FRENCH WERE IN 1977.

3. INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL WERE SOMEWHAT OVERTAKEN BY NEWS THAT BELGIAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT WILL LAND IN ABIDJAN TODAY EN ROUTE TO SHABA FOR EVACUATION OF EXPATRIATES. MANOUAN ASKED U.S. INTENTIONS. CHARGE REPLIED WE WERE GRAVELY CONCERNED FOR U.S. AND OTHER EXPATRIATES IN AREA, AND AIRBORNE UNITS REMAIN ON ALERT, BUT THAT NO

DECISION ON USE OF U.S. UNITS FOR EVACUATION HAD BEEN MADE. GOIC
WILL APPRECIATE BEING KEPT CURRENTLY INFORMED.
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